

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-12 and add NEW claims 13-15, in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable medium containing a specification generating program read by a computer connected to an input device and a display device and controlling the computer to execute:

~~a step of~~ disposing a comment statement including ~~an~~ a corresponding unique comment keyword at all positions in a source code ~~a position~~ where a comment statement ~~in a source code~~ can be disposed;

~~a step of~~ generating specification data by extracting the comment statements each including the corresponding unique comment keyword and joining the comment statements together;

~~a step of~~ displaying the specification data on the display device;

~~a step of~~ changing the comment statement in the specification data in accordance with an indication of changing the displayed specification data, if when the indication is given through the input device; and

~~a step of~~ replacing the comment statement in the source code with the comment statement in the specification data whose corresponding unique comment keyword is coincident with the corresponding unique comment keyword of said comment statement in the source code.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable medium according to claim 1, wherein said specification generating program ~~may controls~~ controls the computer to execute said disposing ~~step~~ so as to dispose the comment statement at a position in an aggregate including processing procedures in the source code.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable medium according to claim 1,

wherein said specification generating program controls the computer to execute said disposing ~~step~~ so as to insert the comment keyword in a comment statement already included in the source code.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable medium according to claim 1, wherein said specification generating program controls the computer to execute said disposing ~~step~~ so as to dispose the comment statement including the comment keyword at a position adjacent to a statement selected from the group consisting of a head statement of consecutive sequential statements, a ~~non-consecutive sequential~~ non-control statement, a an iteration statement, a selection statement and a branch statement in the source code.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A specification generating method comprising:  
~~a step of disposing a comment statement including an~~ a unique comment keyword at ~~a position~~ all positions in a source code where a comment statement in a source code can be disposed;

~~a step of generating specification data by extracting the comment statements each including the comment keyword~~ and joining the comment statements together;

~~a step of displaying the specification data on a display device;~~

~~a step of changing the comment statement in the specification data in accordance with an indication of changing the displayed~~ specification data, if when the indication is given through an input device; and

~~a step of replacing the comment statement in the source code with the comment statement in the specification data whose comment keyword is coincident with the comment keyword of said comment statement in the source code.~~

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A specification generating method according to claim 5, wherein said disposing ~~step~~ is executed so as to dispose the comment statement at a position in an aggregate including processing procedures in the source code.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A specification generating method according to claim 5, wherein said disposing ~~step~~ is executed so as to insert the comment keyword in a comment statement already included in the source code.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A specification generating method according to claim 5, wherein said disposing ~~step~~ is executed so as to dispose the comment statement including the comment keyword at a position adjacent to a statement selected from the group consisting of a head statement of consecutive sequential statements, ~~a non-consecutive sequential~~ non-control statement, ~~a~~ an iteration statement, a selection statement and a branch statement in the source code.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A specification generating system for generating specification data by extracting comment statements in a source code written in a predetermined programming language, comprising:

- an input device;
- a display device ~~for displaying~~ which displays information;
- a computer ~~for reading~~ which reads a program and ~~executing~~ executes processes based on the program; and
- a storage medium containing a specification generating program ~~for controlling~~ which controls the computer to execute:
  - ~~a step of~~ disposing a comment statement including ~~an~~ a unique comment keyword ~~at a position~~ all positions in a source code where a comment statement ~~in a source code~~ can be disposed;
  - ~~a step of~~ generating specification data by extracting the comment statements each including the comment keyword and joining the comment statements together;
  - ~~a step of~~ displaying the specification data on the display device;
  - ~~a step of~~ changing the comment statement in the specification data in accordance with an indication of changing the displayed specification data, ~~if~~ when the indication is given through the input device; and
  - ~~a step of~~ replacing the comment statement in the source code with the comment statement in the specification data whose comment keyword is coincident with the comment keyword of said comment statement in the source code.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A specification generating system according to claim 9, wherein said specification generating program ~~may~~ controls the computer to execute said disposing ~~step~~ so as to dispose the comment statement at a position in an

aggregate including processing procedures in the source code.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A specification generating system according to claim 9, wherein said specification generating program controls the computer to execute said disposing ~~step~~ so as to insert the comment keyword in a comment statement already included in the source code.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A specification generating system according to claim 9, wherein said specification generating program controls the computer to execute said disposing ~~step~~ so as to dispose the comment statement including the comment keyword at a position adjacent to a statement selected from the group consisting of a head statement of consecutive sequential statements, a ~~non-consecutive sequential-non-control~~ statement, ~~a~~ an iteration statement, a selection statement and a branch statement in the source code.

13. (NEW) A computer comprising:  
an input device;  
a disposing unit which disposes a comment statement including a unique comment keyword at all positions in a source code where a comment statement can be disposed;  
a generating unit which generates specification data by extracting the comment statements each including the comment keyword and joining the comment statements together;  
a display which displays the specification data;  
a changing unit which changes the comment statement in the specification data based on an indication is given through the input device; and  
a replacing unit which replaces the comment statement in the source code with the comment statement in the specification data having a comment keyword coincident with the comment keyword of the comment statement in the source code.

14. (NEW) {Note to self: Similar to amended claim 5, but replace "at all positions in a source code" with language such as --at a plurality of positions within an interior of an aggregate-- (i.e., within the body of a function)}

15. (NEW) The method according to claim 14, wherein the aggregate includes a

main block of at least one of a function and a procedure.

16. (NEW) The method according to claim 14, wherein the aggregates includes a main block of a class definition.

17. (NEW) The method according to claim 14, wherein the source code includes source code written in at least one of C, C++, BASIC, Java, FORTRAN, PASCAL and COBOL.